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REMARKS

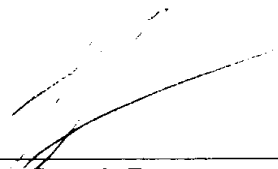
Entry of the foregoing amendment(s) is respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended in order to incorporate the Sequence Numbers identifiers in the accompanying Sequence Listing.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the subject application, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marked-up Specification

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification has been amended as follows:

On page 10, the paragraph beginning on line 11 has been amended as follows:

--Figure 2: nucleic acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:7) and derived amino acid sequences (SEQ ID NOS:8-12) of FeFV (Winkler *et al.*, J. of Virology, Vol. 71, No. 9, Sep. 1997, pp. 6727-6741)

On page 10, the paragraph beginning on line 21, has been amended as follows:

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